

10<sup>10</sup> A method of Claim 1<sup>10</sup>, wherein said oxygen uptake accelerator further comprises  
a salt.

11<sup>20</sup> A method of Claim 1<sup>8</sup>, wherein said iron is electrolytically annealed and reduced.

12<sup>20</sup> A method of Claim 1<sup>8</sup>, wherein said oxygen uptake accelerator further comprises  
an acid.

### REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11-21 are in the application after entry of the above amendments.

The proposed claims are believed to be consistent with the specification and drawings,  
and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

7/2/99

*Harold N. Wells*

Harold N. Wells  
Reg. No. 26,044  
Arnold White & Durkee  
P.O. Box 4433  
Houston, TX 77210  
(312) 744-0090